THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The following facilities are available to the Government Servants travelling on LTC. to some of the tourist destinations.

(i) The Department of Tourism supports the state Governments in construction of low budget accommodation like Yatri Niwas, Yatrika, Tourist Bungalows and Forest lodges. These are usually constructed at places of tourist interest.

(ii) The ITDC, a Government of India undertaking offers LTC packages at concesional rates at selected places.

(iii) ITDC, offers budget meals on request.

The concessions offered by ITDC are effective from 1-3-1991 to 15-10-1991.

COMPLAINTS AGAINST TAFCO OFFICIALS

297. SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received complaints of financial and other irregularities against the senior officers of the Tannery and Footwear Corporation of India Limited (TAFCO) ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The complaints mainly relate to unnecessary demolition of buildings, purchase of poor raw materials, irregularities in the purchase of items from ancillary units, fall of production during the tenure of late CMD, increase of losses during the period, increased expenditure for preparation of balance sheets, misuse of motor vehicles etc. Some of these complaints were investigated by the CBI who have recommended departmental action for imposition of major penalty on the concerned officers in two cases.

The action in these cases will be taken as per procedure. In the third case, prosecution has been launched by the CBI before the Special Judge, Anti Corruption, Lucknow.

SICK INDUSTRIAL UNITS

298. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of big, small and tiny industrial units which have been declared as sick or have stopped working, Statewise, till date ; and

(b) the reasons for their sickness and the steps taken by Union Government to revive them ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P. J. KURIEN) : (a) Data on sick industrial units assisted by banks are collected by Reserve Bank of India as per the definition of sickness adopted by them. According to the latest data available from the Reserve Bank of India the number of Small, Medium and Large scale sick industrial units under the SSI and Non-SSI categories as at the end of December, 1988 are given in the attached Statement Information regarding tiny units is not centrally maintained.

(b) A number of causes, both external and internal often operating in combination, have been responsible for industrial sickness. Some of the principal causes are faulty planning, management deficiencies, inefficient financial control, diversion of resources, inadequate attention to R&D, obsolescence of technology and machinery, poor industrial relations, inadequacy of demand, shortage of raw materials and other inputs and infrastructural constraints, etc.